The House then adjourned for lunch at five minutes past one of the clock.

The House re-assembled after lunch at five minutes past two of the clock,

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR) in the Chair

RESOLUTION

Expressing deep concern and anguish over the storming of the estate and precincts of Legislature of Orissa by a mob on the 16th March, 2002

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, as had been unanimously agreed, before the House rose for lunch, I might be permitted to give voice to the views of the House. Sir, I move:

> "That this House expresses its deep concern and anguish over the storming of the estate and precincts of the State Legislature of Orissa by a mob of persons allegedly belonging to the VHP and the Bajrang Dal on the 16th March, 2002, and vandalising the premises, damaging the properties and hurting the security personnel and employees of the Orissa Legislative Assembly Secretariat thereby amounting to a direct attack on democracy itself. This House condemns the incident in unequivocal terms and recommends stern and deterrent action against the guilty persons."

The question was proposed.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I whole-heartedly support the Resolution moved by the Leader of the House. While condemning the act and expressing our deep commitment to the principles of democracy and strengthening of democratic institutions, I think it is most appropriate that the Leader of the House is reflecting the views of all sections of the House. I thank him and support the Resolution whole-heartedly.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR): Now, the question is:

> "That this House expresses its deep concern and anguish over the storming of the estate and precincts of the State Legislature of Orissa by a mob of persons allegedly belonging to the VHP and

the Bajrang Dal on the 16th March, 2002, and vandalising the premises, damaging the properties and hurting the security personnel and employees of the Orissa Legislative Assembly Secretariat thereby amounting to a direct attack on democracy itself. This House condemns the incident in unequivocal terms and recommends stern and deterrent action against the guilty persons."

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI ADHIK SHIRODKAR) : Now, Mr. Jaswant Singh, to make a statement on the recently-concluded Commonwealth Governments' Summit in Australia.

STATEMENT BY MINISTERS

Recently concluded Common Wealth Summit in Australia

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I rise to inform the hon. Members about the recent CHOGM, 2002, at Coolum in Australia. I had the honour to represent the hon. Prime Minister at this Conference - the first Commonwealth Summit in the 21st Century.

The Commonwealth Heads of Government met in Coolum from March 2nd to 5th, 2002, chaired by the Prime Minister of Australia. The opening ceremony was addressed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Head of the Commonwealth. The Heads of Government adopted the Commonwealth Coolum Declaration and a separate statement attached to the Declaration on Zimbabwe as well as the Coolum Communique.

The Communique takes into account our major concerns, notably on terrorism and development. The Heads of Government reiterated their total condemnation of all acts of terrorism "in whatever form or wherever they occur or by whomsoever perpetrated", adding that there is "no justification for terrorism". Similarly, on multilateral trade issues, where a consensus is usually elusive, India was able to ensure that the language on WTO-related issues faithfully reflects the outcome at Doha and is supportive of the development agenda.